



Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry
Atlanta GA 30333

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Mr. Jerry Beverlin
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Dear Mr. Beverlin:

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry prepared a consultation dated May 19, 1992, which discussed the condition of Saw Wee Kee Park and recommended that public access be restricted until measures were taken to protect public health. At the request of ATSDR, Jim Ursic of the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) conducted a geophysical investigation of selected areas of the park. Copies of both documents were provided to you.

One of the surveyed areas of concern is owned by the Illinois Department of Conservation. On January 5, 1993 we visited the site with you. Horse trails have been constructed on the IDOC property. When these trails are cut, debris is exposed. Since no one is certain what has been disposed of on the property and since this property is accessible to the public, ATSDR has determined that there may be a public health hazard.

As I discussed with you during the site visit, I am following up on the recommendations contained in the ATSDR consultation and request that the Illinois Department of Conservation detail, in writing, the actions they will take to protect public health and when these actions will be implemented. If you have any questions, please telephone me at 312-886-0840.

Sincerely,

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